
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Maui memorial
2 medical center is the only acute care hospital on the island of
3 Maui and often operates over capacity. Much of this problem
4 with operating over capacity is related to the high number of
5 patients who are no longer considered "acute". These patients
6 are no longer in need of acute level services but are waiting to
7 transfer to a long term care facility, such as the Hale Makua
8 Health Services. The legislature finds that approximately
9 twenty per cent of Maui memorial medical center's acute care
10 beds per day are occupied by these "wait-list" patients.

11 The wait-list issue has financial implications because the
12 cost to the State and the healthcare delivery system of a wait-
13 listed patient is \$1,500 per day. This problem will be
14 exacerbated as the Maui memorial medical center-Kaiser
15 Permanente transition takes place because Kaiser Permanente is
16 bringing more physician capabilities to Maui, which in turn will
17 allow more Maui residents to stay on island for their acute care



1 needs, and thereby increase demand for such services. From a
2 financial perspective, without adequate capacity to provide more
3 profitable services (i.e. services for acute patients), Maui
4 memorial medical center will continue to need subsidies to
5 support wait-list patients at the higher cost of acute hospital
6 care, versus the lower cost of nursing home care.

7 The legislature finds that the State currently provides
8 \$30,000,000 per year in subsidy to Maui memorial medical center
9 to support healthcare for Maui residents. The legislature
10 believes that one of the best opportunities to reduce the
11 subsidy provided by the State is to facilitate a reduction in
12 wait-listed patients at Maui memorial medical center. The
13 legislature further believes that a \$2,000,000 subsidy to allow
14 Hale Makua Health Services to admit more wait-listed patients
15 from Maui memorial medical center will yield a net savings to
16 the State of \$8,950,000 per year.

17 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to permit
18 Hale Makua Health Services to admit more wait-listed patients
19 from Maui memorial medical center and reduce the subsidy
20 required to support Maui's healthcare needs.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2018-2019 for Hale Makua Health Services to admit more wait-
6 listed patients from Maui memorial medical center.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
8 of health for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2090.



Report Title:

Hale Makua Health Services; Department of Health; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to allow Hale Makua Health Services to admit more wait-listed patients from Maui Memorial Medical Center. (HB995 HD1)

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